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In re the Application of

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STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It would be appreciated if you would indicate the status of the above identified application, including a written indication as to when the next communication can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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